

# THE Daily Gazetteer.

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THE AUTHOR of the DAILY GAZETTEER.

SIR.

S the overflowing of the Lake Lerris in Ireland makes a great Noise in that Country, and is like to make no less here, permit me to send you a Paper which I had by me, written by Mr. Charles Townley, and directed by him to Richard Townley, Esq; relating to an extraordinary Event, of a Nature which may, probably, amuse your Readers, till you receive a fuller Account of this Irish Eruption, and the Sentiments of the Learned in that Country.

I am Your Friend and Servant,

S. B.

Augt. 18, 1669, between Nine and Ten o'Clock in the Morning, there issued out of the N. W. Side of Hill, a great Quantity of Water, the Particulars of which Eruption, as I received them from a Person living hard by, are these. The Water continued running for about two Hours; it came in that Day, and so suddenly, that it made a Breast of a high, not unlike (as the Gentleman express'd it) as *Liger* at *Ross* in *Normandy*, or *Osse* in *Yorkshire*; it grew unfordable in so short a Space, that two

to Church on Horseback, the one having pass'd the place where it took its Course, the other being a mile behind, could not pass this sudden Torrent. It had breaking down a Mill Dam, came into several Houses in *Worston* (a Village at the Foot of the Hill) so that several Things swam in them. It issued out of six or seven Places, one of which was

larger than the rest, and brought with it nothing but Stone, Gravel, and Earth. He more

said, that the greatest of these six Places closed

one, and that the Water was Black, like unto

soot; and lastly, that 50 or 60 Years ago there

was an Eruption much greater than this; so

as much endag'd the adjacent Country, and

two Corgs or Dingles, which, to this Day,

call'd *Obury* (or in our Lancashire Dialect, *Eraft*)

are. Thus far this Gentleman related; what fol-

lowed from myself: Going since this, to see

I could of this Accident, I found nothing that

contradict the above said Relation. What I ob-

served concerning this, and other Eruptions, is,

that all the Eruptions of Water, which

are to be seen in the Country, are to be

seen in the N. E. End, commonly called

*End of Pendle*, I saw several Breaches in the

Rock, at several Distances from the Top; from

Stone, mix'd with Earth, had been tumbled

and lay in such a confus'd Order, as if they had

been brought thither by such a like Eruption as this

and enquiring of a Country Fellow, who was

near, he confirm'd the Conjecture; and told us

that Breakings out of Water were very frequent, so

as we wonder'd we took so much Pains to go and

see this late one. I went to look amongst the Rub-

bles, and Earth, of one of these Breaches, to

see if I could find any thing like Ore, but could find

nothing. Having pass'd the End of the Hill, and com-

ing to the other Side, we, after a short Time, dis-

covered the mentioned six Breaches; of which two

were to be very near the Top of the Hill, and in the

horizontal Line; the others at several Distances

from the Top. I went only to the biggest of these

Breakings, in which I observed these Particulars. The

Rock had been taken away the Soil, which was but

two Foot deep, and bared the Rock between

Twenty and Thirty Yards in Breadth, and down-

a considerable deal more. It appeared evi-

ently that the Water came from between the

Rock and the Soil; for at the Top of the Breach

there were several Holes, whereat the Water had issued

out, and others were closed up with the Fall of the

Rock. Wherever the Water had taken away two

Yards of the Earth, the Rock appeared among the

Breakings, and I found nothing that could be supposed to

be the Bowels of the Hill, but only such

as might lie loose on the Rock, amongst the

Breakings, that cover'd it. This is what I observed in the

Country, which for Bigness was most remarkable, and

which I should have found nothing worth Notice

elsewhere; tho' the Noise of this Eruption was

so great, that I thought it worth my Pains to enquire

into it; yet, in all these Particulars, I find no-

thing worthy of Wonder, or what may not be easily accounted for. The Colour of the Water, its coming down to the Place where it breaks forth between the Rock and Earth, with that other Particular of its bringing nothing along but Stones and Earth, are evident Signs that it hath not its Origin from the very Bowels of the Mountain; but that it is only Rain-Water, colour'd first in the Moss Pits, of which the Top of the Hill (being a great and considerable Plain) is full shrunk down into some Receptacle fit to contain it; until at last, by its Weight, or some other Cause, it finds a Passage to the Side of the Hill, and then away between the Rock and Swarth, until it break the latter, and violently rush out. The great Eruption mention'd to have happened so many Years ago, perhaps, is that taken Notice of by *Camden* in his *Britannia*, p. 613. *Verum his mons damno quid subiecto agro jampridem insulis maximam aquarum vim erutans.* *Quod errissimo plurimae indicio, quiesce ejus versus nebula visitur, maxime insignis est.* I know not whether it may not be worth Notice, that going to the Top of the Hill, and observing a considerable Part thereof, especially towards the Skirts, where Turfs had been gotten, I found that the Rock reach'd within a Yard or two of the highest Part; considering this, with what I observed at the mentioned Breach, and several other Places, I think it is very probable that the whole Mountain, as great as it is, is one continued Rock; and it may be a Question, whether all other Hills be so or no? But this I leave to further Enquiry.

## I R E L A N D.

Dublin, February 26. Last Saturday died, after a long Illness, at his Lodgings on Ormond Quay, the Reverend James Smith, A. M. Minister of the Dissenting Congregation in Mary's Abby.

The same Night Mr. Alexander Shelley, an eminent Preacher among the People call'd Quakers, was married to Mrs. Sarah Alcock, of Bissilla, in the County of Kildare, a Widow Lady, with a Jointure of 200l. per Annum.

Last Sunday an Express arrived from London; and as an Embargo was Yesterday laid here on all Beer, Butter, and Tallow, 'tis thought, that the Orders for that Purpose were the Import of the Dispatches.

The Ubrua Elionara of Stockholm, Capt. Flenchett, from Bristol, stranded lately on the South Side of the Piles, but got safe into the Harbour the 24th instant.

## S C O T L A N D.

Edinburgh, February 25. Last Week the Right Hon. James Stuart, Earl of Galloway, departed this Life at his Seat at Glaiston in the County of Wigton, in a very advanced Age. He was a Nobleman of real Merit, and a strenuous Lover of his Country. He is succeeded in Honours, and an opulent Estate, by Alexander Lord Gairlis, his eldest Son.

Last Thursday died at Inveresk Mr. George Orr, an eminent Wine Merchant of this City.

Last Week a Petition of several Merchants in Glasgow was presented to the Right Hon. my Lord Justice Clerk, and other Commissioners of Justiciary, praying Warrant for transporting the Person of Thomas (alias Margaret) Johnston, and Margaret Grier, from the Prison of Renfrew to that of Ayr: Which their Lordships granted.

As the Grounds for this Application are, perhaps, the most uncommon ever yet heard of, we shall give our Readers an honest Abstract of the History, from authentick Vouchers.

The above Johnston and Grier had lived for two Years in Glasgow, as Shopkeepers in Company, and as Man and Wife. At Whitsunday last Thomas (alias Margaret) Johnston, took a Shop at Greenock, leaving Margaret Grier to hold her Shop at Glasgow: However, they frequently met, and continued their Trade of Linen Yarn, &c. and drew, or accepted Bills, to the amount of 3 or 400l. Sterling.—But it being strongly surmised that Johnston was a Woman in Mens Cloaths, he was on the 3d of January last cited before the Magistrates of Glasgow; where he declared that he was married to Margaret Grier, and that they had been irregularly married; whereupon the Magistrates fined him in 4l. a s. to the Poor.—This served only to increase Peoples Suspicion of Johnston's Womanhood; so that fearing the Secret must out, they privately disposed of their Effects, and retired to Greenock. Their Creditors took the Alarm, and obtained Recommendations from the Magistrates of Glasgow, for apprehending Johnston and Grier; who soon after fled from Greenock also, and carried their

best Effects with 'em in a Boat. Mr. Wright, Doer for the Creditors, having obtained Recommendations from Baillie Anderson in Greenock, for securing Johnston and Grier, put to Sea after them; and after long Searches, found Johnston and Grier, with what Effects they had, secreted in a Cave, on the Isle of Little Cumbrae. They were accordingly brought Prisoners on Saturday the 16th to Greenock, and next Day to Renfrew. On Monday the 18th Inst. John Somervil, Esq; Provost of Renfrew, examined Thomas Johnston, who declared: That he was born in the Parish of Larbour, and had been married 15 Months to Margaret Grier; and that he intended to do all Justice to his Creditors. Provost Somervil examined Margaret Grier, who declared she was born in Glasgow, had been married to Thomas alone at Edinburgh, 15 Months ago; and that she and Husband intended the fair Thing by all Mankind.—But a Quorum of their Creditors, from Glasgow, having petitioned Provost Somervil, to cause Scrutinize the Person of Thomas Johnston, in regard they firmly believed she was a Woman; His Lordship appointed three Persons to retire, and make proper Enquiry; who soon after returned into Court, and emitted the following Declarations.

Compeared John Jackson, Town-Officer of Renfrew, aged 37, married; who being solemnly sworn, &c. deposes, That he has viewed and inspect'd the Body of Thomas Johnston; and which Johnston is in Man's Habit: And deposes, that the said Johnston is truly and really a Woman. *Causa scientia patet.* And this is Truth, &c.

Compeared Robert Knox, Town-Officer of Renfrew, aged 44, who being solemnly sworn, purged, &c. deposes, That he has viewed and inspect'd the Body of Thomas Johnston; and which Johnston is in Man's Habit: And deposes, that the said Johnston is truly and really a Woman. *Causa scientia patet.* And this is Truth, &c.

Notwithstanding the *causa scientia* was patent to these Witnesses, yet the said Johnston continued obstinate in asserting that her Name was Thomas Johnston, when interrogat by Provost Somervil after the Scrutiny; but refuse to sign the above, or any Declaration.

Glasgow, February 26. The Don Carlos of Bruntisland, David Ballantine, from Norway, is arrived at Leith. She fell in with Yelmouth the 14th Inst. and was chased off that Port till she came into 18 Foot Water, by a Hoy Privateer. But two Cobles, &c. coming out to their Assistance, while they were about to take to the Boat and sink their Vessel, the Privateer thought fit to sheer off.

The Hon. Sir John Bruce's Regiment is soon expect'd here from Ireland.

Last Saturday one Thomas (alias Margaret) Johnston, with Margaret Grier, his Wife, or her Mate, were brought in here from Renfrew, and committed to Prison, accused of Fraud.

The Commissary here has struck the Fairs for Crop, 1744; viz. the Meal at 6. 5s. Bear at 5l. 18s.

## C O U N T R Y N E W S.

Bristol, March 1. Yesterday one of our Merchants received an Express, that a French East India Ship is put into Combe, which was taken by the Sheerens, a Man of War of 26 Guns, purchased by some Merchants of this City. Capt. John Furnell, Commander; she came from Mocha in the East Indies, her Burthen 300 Tons, and has on board 200 Tons of the very best Coffee, and other rich Goods, valued at about 30,000l. She proves to be the Redoubtable, a prime Sailor, of 10 Gun, and the Ship that carried the Advice of the War to the East Indies. Capt. Furnell came up with her near the Western Islands; and on the 17th of February, 15 Leagues off Cape-Clear, he was left in Chase of a French Galion of 400 Tons.

Norwich; March 2. In the Night between Wednesday and Thursday last, the House of Isaac Timperly, in Pockthorpe, was broke open, and the Thief went into his Lodging-room, and took his Breeches and Watch, and his Wife's Pockers, with above 20s. in Money, and a great deal of Linen and other Things out of other Rooms.

## H O M E P O R T S.

Dublin, February 26. Arrived the Woodstock, Exeter, from New York. Sailed the Fidelity, Wall, for Lisbon; the Hope, Louriz, for Zurickzee; the Notre Dame of Dabratask, Bryant, for Bourdeaux.

Greenock, February 21. Arrived the St. Anthony, Alangarie, from London. Sailed the Christian of Virginia, Petticrew, for Havre de Grace; the Glasgow Packet,

Smith, for Cork; and the Mary of Dumbarion, Wm. Fox, for Cork and Barbados; also the Industry, Goran, of and for Londonderry.

Bristol, March 3. (By Express) The Sheerness, and her Prize, are both come in; she has also brought in a French Privateer, with 115 Men.

Barnstable, March 1. This Day came in here the Lydia Brig, for Madeira for London; who in her Passage was taken by a French Privateer, and in about a Fortnight after was retaken by the Resolution Privateer, Captain Alexander Ley, who sailed from this Port the 20th ult. The said Privateer engaged a French Privateer of 30 Carronade Gun, and 600 Men, and obliged her to sheer off. She was afterwards within Gun-shot of a Sixty Gun French Man of War, but out-sailed her, and got clear off.

Falmouth, March 1. Arrived the Hanover Packet, Enouf, from Lisbon; and the Two Brothers, —, from San Domingo, Prize to the Dorset Galley Privateer, Capt. Veitch.

Plymouth, March 1. Just now came in Admiral Medley, with the Fleet under his Care; several of whom have receiv'd Damage. Wind blows a Storm at S. W.

Weymouth, March 2. Wind W. This Morning came in the Speedwell of Dartmouth, from Viana for London. She was taken on Sunday by a French Privateer, about 100 Leagues West from the Lizard, and retaken last Tuesday by the Hastings Man of War, Lord Banff, from Virginia.

Dartmouth, March 1. The following is the most melancholy Affair that has happen'd in the Memory of the oldest Man in these Parts; viz. On the 26th ult. Admiral Medley with the Men of War, India, and other Merchant Ships, anchored in Torbay. On the 27th, in the Morning, the Admiral made a Signal to sail, the Wind being S. E. and a great swelling Sea. Some were obliged to cut others to slip, or part with their Cables, which put them in great Confusion. The Royal George, Capt. Field, for India, ran foul of the Cape Coast, Captain Burrough, for Africa. The latter sunk, and is intirely lost, but the Crew are saved. The former lost her Head and Cut-Water, and is gone to Portsmouth to refit. The Expedition, Wilson, from London for Lisbon, is ashore near the Berryhead, and bulged; the Crew, and Part of the Cargo, saved. The Tyger, White, from London for Newfoundland, is lost on the Berryhead, and 70 Soldiers, six Sailors, and six Women, are drown'd: Captain White broke his Leg in saving himself on the Rocks. The Maidstone Man of War run foul of the Mary, Edmunds, from Pool for Opporto, as she lay at Anchor; and carried away her Bow-sprit, Main and Mizen Masts, and did her much other Damage: She is coming in here to refit. A-Man of War run foul of the King of Portugal, Capt. Hughes, for Lisbon, and broke his Bow, and must come in to refit. The Ulysses, Haydon, from London for the Streights, was on board the Barracuta, for Jumnales; and broke her Bow-sprit, and received more Damage. Capt. Haydon came in last Night to refit; The Barracuta is gone to Sea with the Fleet. The Catherine, Clark, from London for Africa, remains in Torbay, having received Damage at Sea before putting in. The Jacob, Brittan, from St. Kitt's for London, came in the 27th Ult.

Pool, February 2. Sailed the Stephen and Mary, Elvin, and the Thomas and Anne, Hyde, for London. Came in the Desire, Willis, from London. By some Advices from Carolina we hear, that the Mussey, Durell, of this Place, was arrived at Philadelphia with Palates.

Devon, March 3. Wind N. N. W. Arrived the —, Wall, from Dublin, in eight Days, who met Admiral Medley, with the Fleet, last Thursday, off the Lizard.

Deal, March 3. Wind N. W. by W. Sailed this Morning his Majesty's Ship the Success, to the Westward. His Majesty's Ships, with the Outward-bound, remain as per last.

Arrived at several Ports.

At Genoa, the Mary, Scherer, from Hamburg.

At Lisbon, the Europa, Kush, from Hamburg.

At Leith, the Peter, Nys, from —, and the Elizabeth, Leurs, from Hamburg.

At St. Kitts, the Anne, Oliver, and the —, Ellis, from London.

At Antigua, the Peggy and Jenny, Long, and the Neptune, Hartley, from ditto.

At Montserrat, the London Packet, Ternan, from ditto. The above Ships all sailed out of the Chanel under the Convoy of Admiral Davers, who is very soon expected at St. Kitts.

At St. Eustatius, the Charming Rebecca, Dobbyn, from London for Cork.

At Belfast, the Pretty Betty, Willson, from St. Kitts.

L O N D O N .

A French Ship, Homeward-bound, from Martinico, is taken by the Superbe Man of War, Commodore Knowles, and carried into St. Kitts.

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The Bachelor's Conclusion, Moore, from Lynn for London, is taken by a French Privateer, and carried into Calais.

The Woodstock, Capt. Exeter, of London, arrived in Dublin in 35 Days from New York; brings an Account of a violent Hurricane that happened at Jamaica in September last, which has drove upwards of 100 Ships on Shore, with all the Men of War, besides other considerable Damage.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, have appointed Mr. Thomas Lawrence to be Surveyor of Holes for Part of the County of Essex.

This Day there will be a Draught of the Guards, in order to be sent to Flanders; and, as we hear, they will embark on Tuesday next at Gravesend.

A Dispensation has pass'd the Great Seal, to enable James Upton, M. A. Chaplain to the Right Hon. the Earl Poulet, to hold the Rectory of Limpaham, in the County of Somerset, together with the Rectory of Monkswell, in the said County.

As has also a Dispensation to enable Philip Walton, M. A. Chaplain to the Viscountess Primrose, to hold the Vicarage of Dorking in Surrey, together with the Rectory of Mickleham, in the said County.

Yesterday Mary Davenport was committed to Newgate by Mr. Alderman Cokayne, for picking the Pocket of Mr. John Barham, of Limehouse-Corner, Peruke-maker, in Bishopsgate-street, on Sunday Night last.

As was likewise John Laws, a most notorious Thief and Pickpocket, for picking the Pocket of Mr. Robert Blake, of Queen-street, Gent. in the Poultry, the same Night.

High Water this Day 2 Morning Evening  
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Bank Stock, 146 1-half to 1-4th to 3-8ths. India, 182. South Sea, 106 3-4ths. Old Annuity, 110 3-8ths to 1-half. New ditto, 109. Three per Cent 89 1-half. Ditto 1743, 88 3-4ths. Ditto 1744, 88 3-4ths. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Royal Assurance, 84 1-half. London Assurance, 11 1-4th. India Bonds, 11 2 s. Bank Circulation, 3 l. 2 s. 6 d. Salt Tally, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Milion Bank, 115. Equivalent, 108.

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